

Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA

§ 51.2655

percent shall be allowed for defects causing serious damage, including in this latter amount not more than one-half of 1 percent for cherries affected by decay.

(b) *For defects en route or at destination*—(1) *U.S. No. 1*. 12 percent for cherries in any lot which fail to meet the requirements for this grade: *Provided*, That included in this amount not more than the following percentages shall be allowed for defects listed:

(i) 8 percent for cherries which fail to meet the requirements for this grade because of permanent defects; or,

(ii) 6 percent for cherries which are seriously damaged, including therein not more than 4 percent for cherries which are seriously damaged by permanent defects and not more than 2 percent for cherries which are affected by decay.

(2) *U.S. Commercial*. 24 percent for cherries in any lot which fail to meet the requirements for this grade: *Provided*, That included in this amount not more than the following percentages shall be allowed for defects listed:

(i) 16 percent for cherries which fail to meet the requirements for this grade because of permanent defects; or,

(ii) 6 percent for cherries which are seriously damaged, including therein not more than 4 percent for cherries which are seriously damaged by permanent defects and not more than 2 percent for cherries which are affected by decay.

(c) *For off-size*. 5 percent for cherries which fail to meet the specified minimum diameter and 10 percent for cherries that fail to meet any specified maximum diameter.

APPLICATION OF TOLERANCES

§ 51.2649 Application of tolerances.

Individual samples shall have not more than double the tolerances specified, except that at least two defective and two off-size specimens may be permitted in any sample: *Provided*, That the averages for the entire lot are within the tolerances specified for the grade.

DEFINITIONS

§ 51.2650 Similar varietal characteristics.

Similar varietal characteristics means that the cherries in any container are similar in color and shape.

§ 51.2651 Mature.

Mature means that the cherries have reached the stage of growth which will insure the proper completion of the ripening process.

§ 51.2652 Fairly well colored.

Fairly well colored means that at least 95 percent of the surface of the cherry shows characteristic color for mature cherries of the variety.

§ 51.2653 Well formed.

Well formed means that the cherry has the normal shape characteristic of the variety, except that mature well developed doubles shall be considered well formed when each of the halves is approximately evenly formed.

§ 51.2654 Clean.

Clean means that the cherries are practically free from dirt, dust, spray residue, or other foreign material.

§ 51.2655 Damage.

Damage means any specific defect described in this section; or an equally objectionable variation of any one of these defects, any other defect, or any combination of defects, which materially detracts from the appearance, or the edible or marketing quality of the fruit. The following specific defects shall be considered as damage:

(a) Cracks within the stem cavity when deep or not well healed, or when the appearance is affected to a greater extent than that of a cherry which has a superficial well healed crack one-sixteenth inch in width extending one-half the greatest circumference of the stem cavity;

(b) Cracks outside of the stem cavity when deep or not well healed, or when the crack has weakened the cherry to the extent that it is likely to split or break in the process of proper grading, packing, and handling, or when materially affecting the appearance;